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FOR : **UPRIGHT VACUUM CLEANER WITH
CYCLONIC AIRFLOW**
SERIAL NO. : UNKNOWN
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97, 1.98 and MPEP § 609, applicants submit the following Disclosure Statement concerning art of which the applicants are aware. All of the art disclosed herein was cited in the earlier application, U.S. Serial No. 10,271,037. Copies of the references should be in the earlier case. A copy of PTO-1449 is enclosed herewith.

This Information Disclosure Statement is not intended to constitute an admission that any patent, publication or other information referred to herein or submitted herewith is "prior art" for this invention unless specifically designated as such.

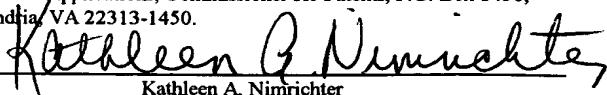
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All of these references were brought to the attention of the Examiner in connection with the parent case, Serial No. 10/271,037. Therefore, copies of all of these references are present in the parent application and will not be submitted again herewith, in the interest of saving paper. However, should the Examiner be missing any of the references listed in the several PTO-1449 forms appended hereto, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned so that a copy of same can be provided.

It is respectfully requested that the attached document(s) be considered and officially cited in examination of this application.

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ITS	AA	2,316,836	4/20/43	A. A. Breuer	55	337	PRO
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ITS	AC	2,507,897	5/16/50	T. Gavagnin	96	318	10/271037
ITS	AD	2,516,707	7/25/50	A. M. Lewyt, et al	55	379	10/271037
ITS	AE	2,921,646	1/19/60	D. M. Poole	55	327	10/271037
ITS	AF	3,177,635	4/13/65	A. P. Cawl, et al	96	421	10/271037
ITS	AG	3,320,727	5/23/67	F. E. Farley	55	337	
ITS	AH	3,797,064	3/19/74	Charles H. MacFarland	15	351	
ITS	AI	3,820,310	6/28/74	Charles T. Fromknecht et al.	55	447	
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US	BC	4,198,726	4/22/80	Benjamin S. Powel, Jr.	15	32.2	
US	BD	4,268,288	5/19/81	Peter J. Coombs	55	337	
US	BE	4,276,070	6/30/81	Niklaus Hug	55	429	
US	BF	4,443,235	4/17/84	David L. Brenholt, et al.	96	408	
US	BG	4,457,043	7/3/84	Lennart Oeberg, et al.	15	346	
US	BH	4,486,206	12/4/84	Susumu Miyakawa, et al.	55	337	
US	BI	4,571,772	2/25/86	James Dyson	15	335	
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TIS	CB	4,718,924	1/12/88	Thomas M. DeMarco	55	302	
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TIS	CD	4,853,008	8/1/89	James Dyson	55	345	
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TIS	CF	4,944,780	7/31/90	Kal Usmani	55	337	
TIS	CG	5,062,870	11/5/91	James Dyson	96	400	
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<i>TIS</i>	DC	5,248,323	9/28/93	Phillip H. Stevenson	95	90	
<i>TIS</i>	DD	5,267,371	12/7/93	Norman V. Soler, et al.	15	327.5	
<i>TIS</i>	DE	5,271,751	12/21/93	Eugen Lügler et al	55	295	
<i>TIS</i>	DF	5,307,538	5/3/94	Geoffrey B. Rench et al.	15	352	
<i>TIS</i>	DG	4,284,422	8/18/81	Ferland	55	300	
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<i>TIS</i>	DI	4,072,483	2/7/78	Doyle, Jr.	55	372	
<i>TIS</i>	DJ	4,355,434	10/26/82	Gongwer	15	327.1	
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TS	EC	5,090,975	2/25/92	Requejo et al.	134	21	
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TS	EE	5,427,597	6/27/95	Osendorf	55	487	
TS	EF	5,464,460	11/7/95	Bosses	55	374	
TS	EG	5,603,741	2/18/97	Frey	55	368	
TS	EH	5,685,894	11/11/97	Bowerman et al.	96	63	
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TIS	FL	RE. 32,751	9/1998	Jacobs et al.	15	350	
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TIS	AD	2,643,733	06/1953	Shellman	55	429 xr	
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TIS	AI	5,935,279	08/1999	Kilstrom, Lars	15	350	
TIS	AJ	6,012,200	01/2000	Murphy et al.	15	352 xr	
TIS	AK	6,146,434	11/2000	Scalfani et al.	15	353	24 Feb 1999
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TTS	AF	2,475,808	7/1949	Storm, Jr.			
TTS	AG	2,524,117	10/1950	Storm, Jr.			
TTS	AH	2,542,634	2/1951	Davis et al.			
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TS	AD	5,080,697	1/14/1992	Finke			4/3/1990
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	AE	5,524,321	11 June 1996	Weaver et al.			14 Feb 1994
	AF	5,795,358	18 Aug 1998	Scanlon et al.			2 July 1997
	AG	6,085,382	11 July 2000	Bobrosky et al.			25 Oct 1997
	AH	3,614,860	26 Oct 1971	Grellsson			13 Mar 1969
	AI	4,934,019	19 June 1990	Shorthill et al.			10 April 1989
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	AQ	Fantom Fury Vacuum Cleaner Owner's Manual (©1995).
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